

determining at the server the defined format of the report; and

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extracting via the server information from the report based on the defined format to generate at least one exhibit to the report, the at least one exhibit summarizing specific information included in the report.

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5. (once amended) A method in accordance with Claim 1 further comprising the step of extracting information from the report using a print scraping process.

6. (once amended) A method for submitting a report from an accounting system to a server, the accounting system including a virtual printer, said method comprising the steps of:

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generating at the accounting system a report having a specified format;

transmitting the report from the accounting system to the server via the virtual printer;  
and

extracting via the server information from the report based on the specified format to generate at least one exhibit to the report, the at least one exhibit summarizing specific information included in the report.

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8. (once amended) A system comprising an accounting system coupled to a local file system, and a server for communicating with said local file system, said accounting system configured to generate a report having a defined format and export the report to said local file system, said server configured to determine said defined format and extract information from the report based on said defined format to generate at least one exhibit relating to the report wherein the exhibit summarizes specific information included in the report.

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Please add the following claims:

10. (newly added) A method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the local file system is accessible by a browser, and wherein submitting the report from the local file system to the server further comprises submitting the report from the local file system to the server using the browser.

11. (newly added) A method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein generating at the accounting system a report having a defined format further comprises generating at the accounting system a report having a defined format wherein the defined format relates to a specific accounting system.

Q19 12. (newly added) A method in accordance with Claim 1 further comprising the step of utilizing a translation service at the server to normalize information included within the report such that the information included in the report is recognizable by the server.

13. (newly added) A method in accordance with Claim 5 wherein extracting information from the report using a print scraping process further comprises:

determining whether preprocessing of the report is needed;

determining whether segmentation of the report is needed, segmentation includes identifying a location of data within the report and relocating data within the report such that the document is recognizable;

performing a document recognition process including scanning the report to determine a file type of the report and comparing the file type to a list of known file types stored in a data repository; and

performing a mapping and translation process on the report including selecting an extraction script based on the document recognition process for extracting and translating data from the report.

14. (newly added) A method in accordance with Claim 6 further comprising the steps of:

determining whether to utilize a translation service to normalize information included in the report; and

Q'9 utilizing at the server, if needed, a translation service to normalize information included in the report such that the information included in the report is recognizable by the server.

15. (newly added) A method in accordance with Claim 7 wherein print scraping information from the report further comprises:

determining whether preprocessing of the report is needed;

determining whether segmentation of the report is needed, segmentation includes identifying a location of data within the report and relocating data within the report such that the document is recognizable;

performing a document recognition process including scanning the report to determine a file type of the report and comparing the file type to a list of known file types stored in a data repository; and

performing a mapping and translation process on the report including selecting an extraction script based on the document recognition process for extracting and translating data from the report.

16. (newly added) A system in accordance with Claim 8 wherein said server is further configured to utilize a translation service to normalize information included in the report such that the information included in the report is recognizable.

Q19 17. (newly added) A system comprising an accounting system including a virtual printer, and a server for communicating with said accounting system, said accounting system configured to generate a report having a specified format and transmit the report to said server via said virtual printer, said server configured to extract information from the report based on said specified format to generate at least one exhibit relating to the report wherein the exhibit summarizes specific data included in the report.

18. (newly added) A system in accordance with Claim 17 wherein said server is further configured to:

determine whether to utilize a translation service to normalize information included in the report; and

utilize, if needed, a translation service to normalize information included in the report such that the information included in the report is recognizable.

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Remarks

The Office Action mailed July 5, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Submitted herewith is a Submission of Marked Up Paragraphs and Claims, and a Request for Approval of Drawing Change. Figures 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, 18, and 19 have been amended. Additionally, Figure 21 has been divided into Figures 21A-21C on separate drawing sheets, Figure 22 has been divided into Figures 22A-22C on separate drawing sheets, and Figure 23 has been divided into Figures 23A-23B on separate drawing sheets. The specification has been amended as set forth above to reflect the division of Figures 21, 22, and 23. No new matter has been introduced by the proposed division of Figures 21, 22, and 23, and the corresponding